



ST. JAMES PARISH

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COMPLETION REPORT

ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT A GLANCE

7	Drinking Water Assessments
5	Wastewater Facility Assessments
9	Industry Damage Assessments
11	School Lab Assessments

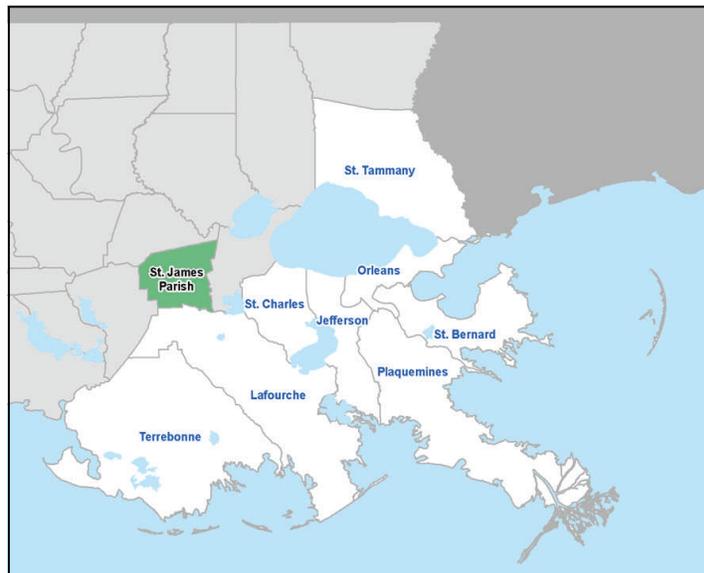
Since September 2005, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) have worked together to address environmental hazards from Hurricanes Katrina and Rita to help St. James Parish recover.

One of EPA and LDEQ's first priorities was to ensure residents returning to all the cities affected by the hurricanes had safe drinking water. Seven assessments were conducted

at drinking water facilities in St. James Parish. Similarly, 5 wastewater treatment plants were assessed for damage.

Next, EPA and LDEQ turned to hazardous waste storage, transfer or disposal facilities. Throughout southern Louisiana facilities were addressed, including 9 facilities in St. James Parish. The agencies conducted interviews and site visits to establish that employees could return to work at facilities operating in accordance with federal and state regulations.

Because of concerns that damaged chemicals in school biology and chemistry laboratories could cause a health



hazard, EPA and LDEQ conducted assessments of 11 schools in St. James Parish. Of the 11 schools assessed two were found to have laboratories. The two laboratories housed chemical containers that were found to be damaged by the hurricanes, flood waters and/or heat exposure. EPA and LDEQ, in coordination with the Louisiana State Police and local fire departments, removed dangerous chemicals from both schools.



Far Left: EPA packages hazardous materials for transport.
Left: EPA inspects a permitted facility for damage.